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Applicant: Franz Saller  
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Filed: September 28, 1998  
Title: METHOD FOR ESTABLISHING A CONNECTION FROM A TERMINAL  
OF A COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK EXTERNAL CONNECTION  
DESTINATION, AND ASSOCIATED APPARATUS AND NETWORK  
Art Unit: unknown  
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PETITION IN RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS

Sir:

In the Notice to File Missing Parts Non-Provisional Application dated October 24, 2001, the Patent Office indicated that page 1 of the Specification of the present application appears to have been omitted from the application as filed. Applicant respectfully submits, however, that such page was, in fact, filed along with the rest of the above-referenced patent application on September 28, 2001.

Applicant acknowledges that the Certificate of Mailing associated with the filing of this application indicated that the specification was on 15 pages, while the return-receipt postcard indicated that the specification on 16 sheets. Applicant respectfully submits, however, that this discrepancy is really of no consequence given that all pages of this application, including page 1, were definitely filed on September 28, 2001.

In support of Applicants contention, attached herewith is a Declaration executed by William E. Vaughan, the attorney of record and the individual responsible for the disposition of the present application. Applicant respectfully submits that this Declaration provides the requisite support for the contention that all of the pages of the present application, including page 1, were filed on September 28, 2001.

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Also enclosed herewith is a check in the amount of \$130.00 to cover the Petition fee under 37 CFR §1.178.

Respectfully submitted,

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**DECLARATION**

Sir:


I, William E. Vaughan, am an attorney of record for the above-referenced U.S. Patent Application. I was the attorney responsible for the preparation and filing of this patent application on September 28, 2001. The documents submitted on such date were the Patent Application Transmittal Letter, Specification, Drawings, Declaration and Power of Attorney (unexecuted), Certified Copy of German Priority Document, IDS, return-receipt postcard, and a check in the amount of \$710.00.

I further note that I am the individual responsible for maintaining a patent application file for this application within my law firm, Bell Boyd & Lloyd. Included in the maintenance of this patent application file is the recordation of all documents filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (such recordation being in the form of actual copies of all documents).

I acknowledge that the Certificate of Mailing for this patent application indicated that the specification included 15 pages, and that the return-receipt postcard for this patent application indicated that the specification included 16 pages. The specification actually includes 15 pages and the reference to 16 pages on the return receipt postcard was merely a typographical error. The records in this patent application file, for which I am responsible for maintaining, reflect that a total of 15 pages of the specification (the complete specification) were actually filed on September 28, 2001. Copies of all 15 pages of the specification are attached herewith. I further note that these copies were made from the copies of the originally-filed documents maintained in this patent application file.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under §1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

December 21, 2001

  
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